

Amendment to the Drawings:

FIG. 1 has been amended to include the legend --PRIOR ART--.

REMARKS

A replacement drawing sheet for FIG. 1 is submitted herewith to satisfy the objection to the drawings.

Claims 1 and 8 have been amended to satisfy the objection to Claims 2-6 and 9-13 and to overcome the rejection of Claims 1, 7, 8 and 14 by incorporating all the limitations of Claims 2 and 9.

Claims 2 and 9 have been canceled.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the notice of allowable subject matter of Claims 2-6 and 9-13, however, Applicant submits that these claims are distinguishable over the prior art of record for reasons not limited to those presented by the examiner, and that the record speaks for itself.

Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-14 are pending in the application.

By way of this response, Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the examiner telephone Peter Scott at (719)533-7969 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Applicant respectfully requests examination and favorable reconsideration of Claims 1, 3-8 and 10-14.

No additional fee is believed due for this amendment.

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